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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR MEETS WITH PRESIDENT BIZIMUNGU

1. CONFIDENTIAL -- ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY. AMBASSADOR RAWSON MET WITH PRESIDENT BIZIMUNGU THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 14 TO DISCUSS THE LATTER'S RECENT VOYAGE ABROAD. TOPICS INCLUDED BIZIMUNGU'S TALKS WITH U.S. AND U.N. OFFICIALS AND U.S. BUSINESS CONTACTS; GOR SECURITY CONCERNS; AND RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBORING STATES. A/DCM, FOREIGN MINISTRY CABINET CHIEF, AND A PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELOR ALSO ATTENDED. END SUMMARY.

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3. BIZIMUNGU EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH HIS WASHINGTON MEETINGS. HE SAID THAT HE HAD BRIEFED NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER LAKE ON THE GOR'S FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES. HE SAID THAT NSA LAKE HAD PLEDGED USD 2 MILLION TOWARD IBRD ARREARS AND SAID THE U.S. WOULD APPROACH OTHERS TO COVER THE REMAINING GAP. BIZIMUNGU SAID THAT HE HAD THANKED SECRETARY PERRY FOR U.S. MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN SUPPORT HOPE; SECRETARY PERRY HAD TOLD HIM THAT THE U.S. WOULD SEND SOMALIA ASSETS TO UNAMIR. BIZIMUNGU

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ALSO MENTIONED HIS MEETINGS WITH AID ADMINISTRATOR  
ATWOOD AND UNDER SECRETARY SHATTUCK.

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4. THE AMBASSADOR ASKED BIZIMUNGU ABOUT HIS UNDERSTANDING OF BENCHMARKS THE U.S. WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE GOR MEET. BIZIMUNGU SAID THE MOST IMPORTANT WAS RESPECT FOR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS, ALREADY A GOR CONCERN. (HE DIGRESSED, OBSERVING THAT WITHOUT TRYING TO MAKE EXCUSES FOR THE GOR, IT WAS FACT THAT THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM HAD COLLAPSED.) BIZIMUNGU SAID THAT A SECOND COMMON USG/GOR GOAL WAS CONTINUATION OF THE RECONCILIATION PROCESS, INCLUDING REGIONAL DIALOGUE. A THIRD CONCERN, HE SAID, WAS GOR COOPERATION WITH INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ASSISTANCE, THUS PROMOTING A RAPID RETURN OF EXILES TO RWANDA.

5. THE AMBASSADOR ASKED IF REINTEGRATION OF THE EX-FAR INTO THE RPA HAD BEEN RAISED IN WASHINGTON, ADDING THAT THE GOR WOULD HAVE TO CHOOSE ITS OWN APPROACH TO THIS ISSUE. BIZIMUNGU RESPONDED THAT

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THE GOR HAD NO PROBLEM WITH REINTEGRATION, IN PRINCIPLE. IF EX-FAR SOLDIERS RETURNED AND WERE WILLING, THEY WOULD BE REINTEGRATED. HE CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, THAT THE EX-FAR COMMAND STRUCTURE REMAINED INTACT IN THE CAMPS IN ZAIRE.

6. BIZIMUNGU RECOUNTED HIS MEETING WITH THE OAU'S SALIM, THE HEAD OF UNDP, AND THE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. HE WAS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE UNDP'S PROPOSED DECEMBER ROUND TABLE AND SAID THAT HE HAD RETURNED TO RWANDA WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WAS READY TO MOVE FROM HUMANITARIAN TO DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE.

7. BIZIMUNGU EXPRESSED PARTICULAR PLEASURE AT HIS TALKS WITH THE U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL. THEY HAD DISCUSSED DISARMAMENT OF THE EX-FAR; HE SAID THAT THE SECGEN HAD AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO MOVE THE REFUGEES AWAY FROM THE ZAIRE BORDER AND HAD TOLD HIM HE WAS LOOKING FOR THE MEANS TO ACCOMPLISH THIS. BIZIMUNGU SAID THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED THE ACTIVITIES OF U.N. AGENCIES IN RWANDA WITH THE SECGEN IN THE CONTEXT OF THE UNHCR (GERSONY) REPORT. HE SAID THE SECGEN HAD AGREED, IN PRINCIPLE, THAT SUBSEQUENT

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U.N. REPORTS WOULD BE SUBMITTED FOR PRIOR GOR  
RESPONSE BEFORE PUBLIC RELEASE.

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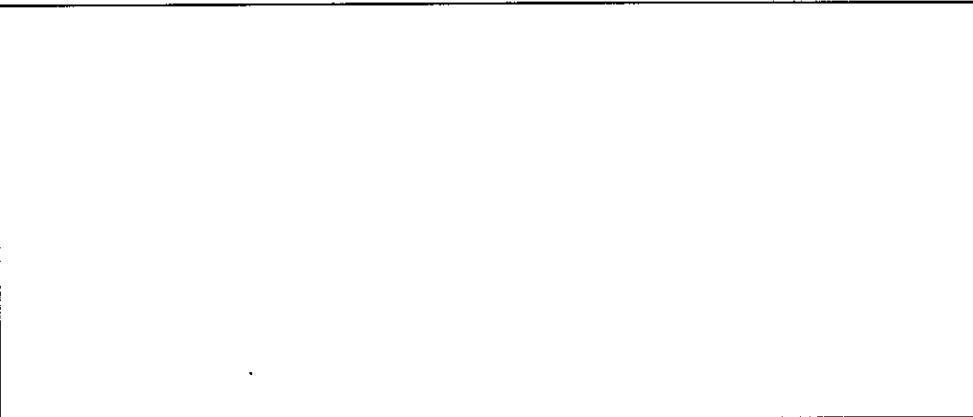
8. BIZIMUNGU SAID THAT HE HAD ALSO MET WITH  
REPRESENTATIVES OF ATN AND GMC TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE  
U.S. INVESTMENT/SALES. THE AMBASSADOR OFFERED TO  
FACILITATE CONTACTS WITH U.S. INVESTORS/BUSINESS  
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REPS AS NEEDED.

9. THE AMBASSADOR ASKED BIZIMUNGU FOR HIS VIEWS ON  
CURRENT REGIONAL RELATIONS, ESPECIALLY WITH ZAIRE.  
BIZIMUNGU REPLIED THAT HE HAD INSTRUCTED PRIME  
MINISTER TWAGIRAMUNGU TO MEET WITH ZAIARIAN P.M.  
KEMGO IN BRUSSELS TO DISCUSS RESTITUTION OF GOR  
ASSETS. HE DID NOT KNOW IF THIS HAD TRANSPIRED.

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11. HE WAS MORE UPBEAT ON BURUNDI. HE SAID THAT

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THE NEW BURUNDIAN PRESIDENT HAD PROMISED TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR GOR OFFICIALS TO VISIT RWANDAN REFUGEES IN THE BURUNDI CAMPS. HE SAID THAT THE TANZANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER HAD JUST DELIVERED A VERY POSITIVE MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MWINYI. HE SAID THAT RELATIONS WITH KENYA WERE SMOOTH, AND THAT HE HOPED TO VISIT MOI SOON.

12. THE AMBASSADOR RESPONDED THAT THE U.S. SEES THE PROBLEM AS REGIONAL AND IS PLEASED WITH THE DIALOGUE

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BETWEEN THE GOR AND ITS NEIGHBORS. ADDRESSING BIZIMUNGU'S EARLIER CONCERNS, HE DESCRIBED OUR CONTACTS WITH THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND RELATED ONGOING USAID PLANNING THAT LOOKS BEYOND HUMAMITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO MEDIUM AND LONG-TERM RWAMDAN NEEDS.

13. AMBASSADOR RAWSON DID NOT CLEAR THIS MESSAGE BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE.

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